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Educational Writings

REVIEWS AND BOOK NOTES

*A revised edition of Muzzey's "American History."*¹—The great army of users of Muzzey's *American History* will be delighted to know that the author has made a real revision of his standard textbook. In fact, he has done more than revise some sections; he has actually rewritten them from the perspective of 1920. This is especially true of the narrative since the presidency of Roosevelt which is brought to the opening months of this year. A final chapter of 41 pages is devoted to America's part in the world-war. This includes a full discussion of our attitude in going to war, the problems we faced in its successful prosecution, and our attitude toward the Treaty of Versailles.

Changes in the earlier chapters of the book to accord fuller treatment to questions that have a bearing on contemporary problems include the following: more attention to industrial and commercial conditions at the opening of our history as a nation; more discussion of the immigration to the United States that was taking place about the middle of the last century; and a full treatment of the conditions and problems with which the country had to deal during the period that followed the Civil War.

Some of the outstanding features that the reader of the text in its new form will note are the emphasis on recent history and contemporary problems, the stress given to social and economic questions, the omission of minor happenings in the interest of a more adequate handling of essentials, the emphasis on causes rather than unrelated events, and the fascinating style that holds the reader's interest at all times.

Socialized civics.—The demand for civics of the formal type is rapidly passing. Teachers are no longer content with texts in civics which emphasize the form of government at the expense of the function. Furthermore, there has grown up a demand during the past few years that the main object in teaching government should be "to inspire a respect for organized co-operation through government, and a willingness to do one's part in it." A book which

¹ DAVID SAVILLE MUZZEY, *American History*. Boston: Ginn & Co., 1920. Pp. lvi+537. \$1.96.